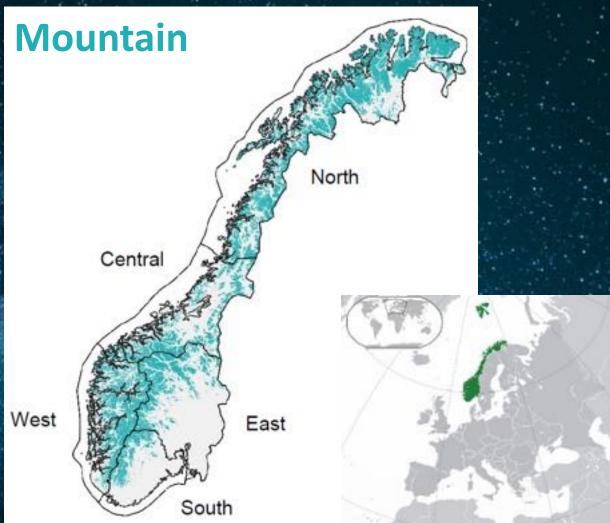


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### Indicator design

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#### **Spatial approach:**

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- Random forest distribution model for NDVI
- Prediction for entire country (pNDVI)
- Difference to empirical NDVI (dNDVI)

Scaling to 0, 0.6 & 1 defined via reference distribution

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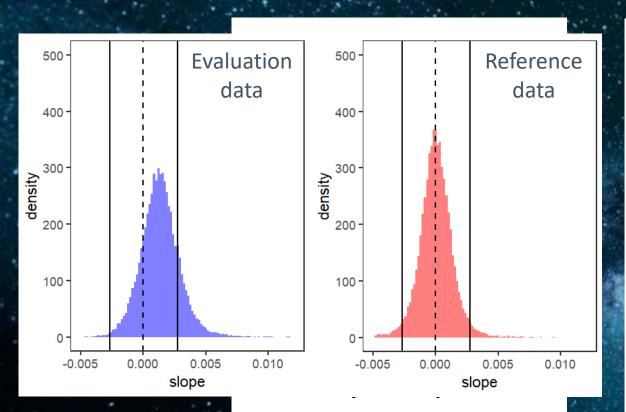
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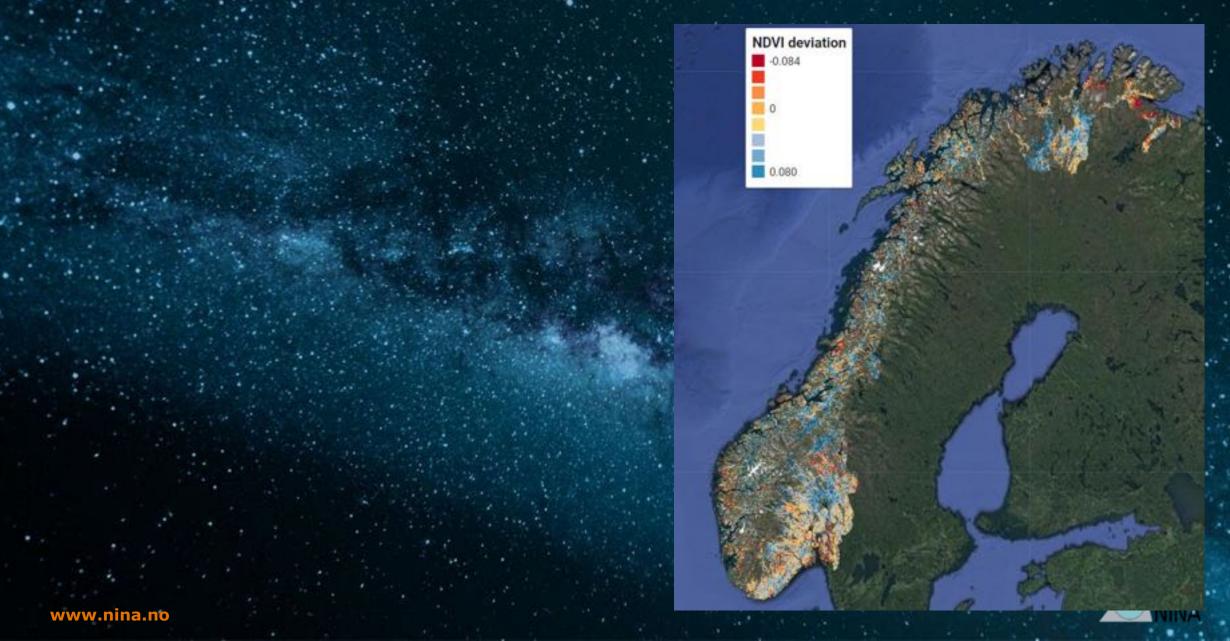
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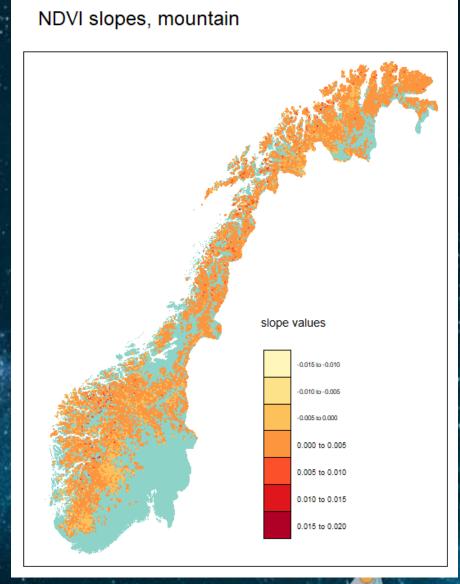




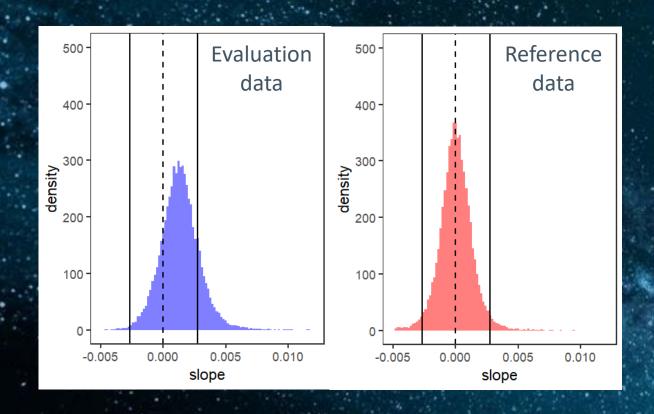
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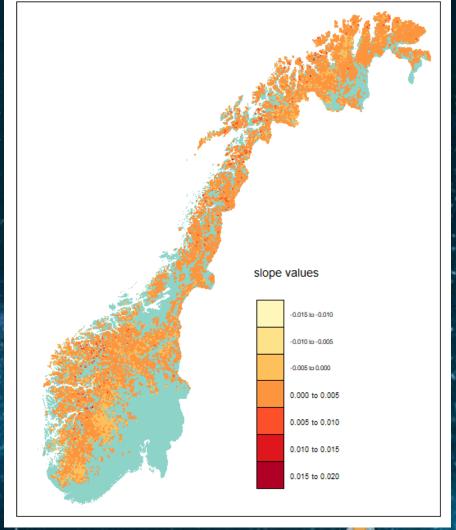
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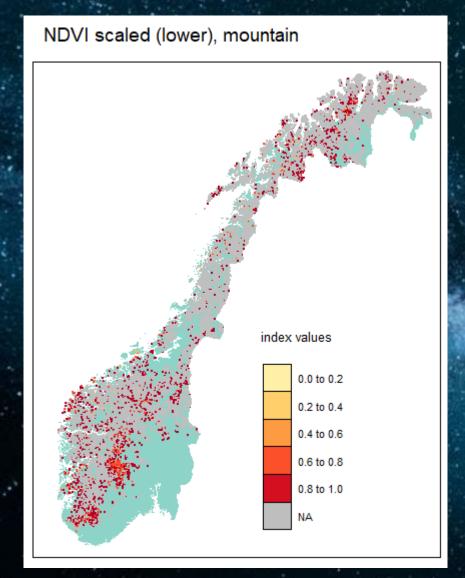


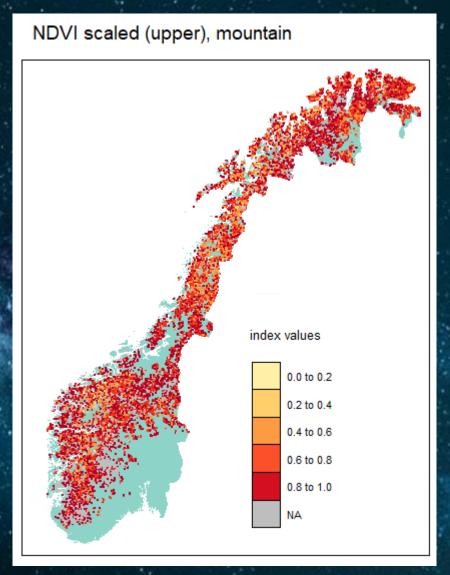
#### NDVI slopes, mountain





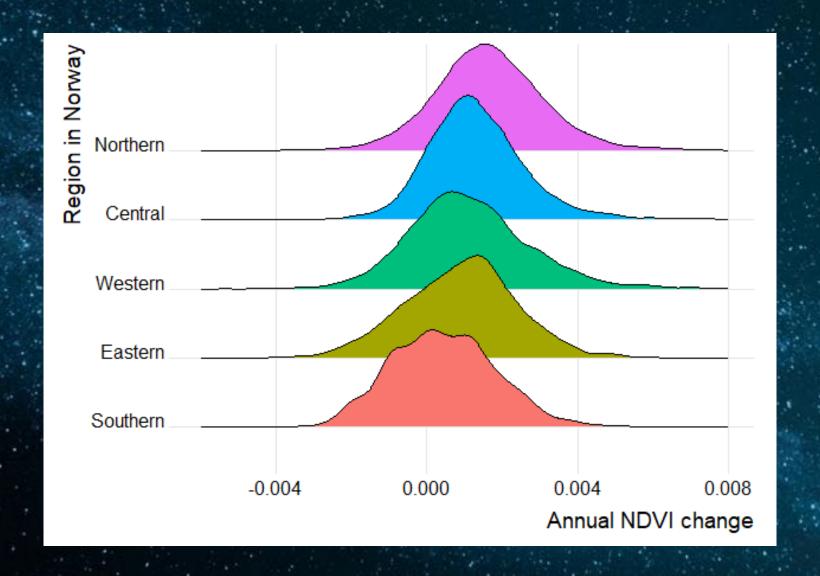
# Mountain – NDVI slopes scaled





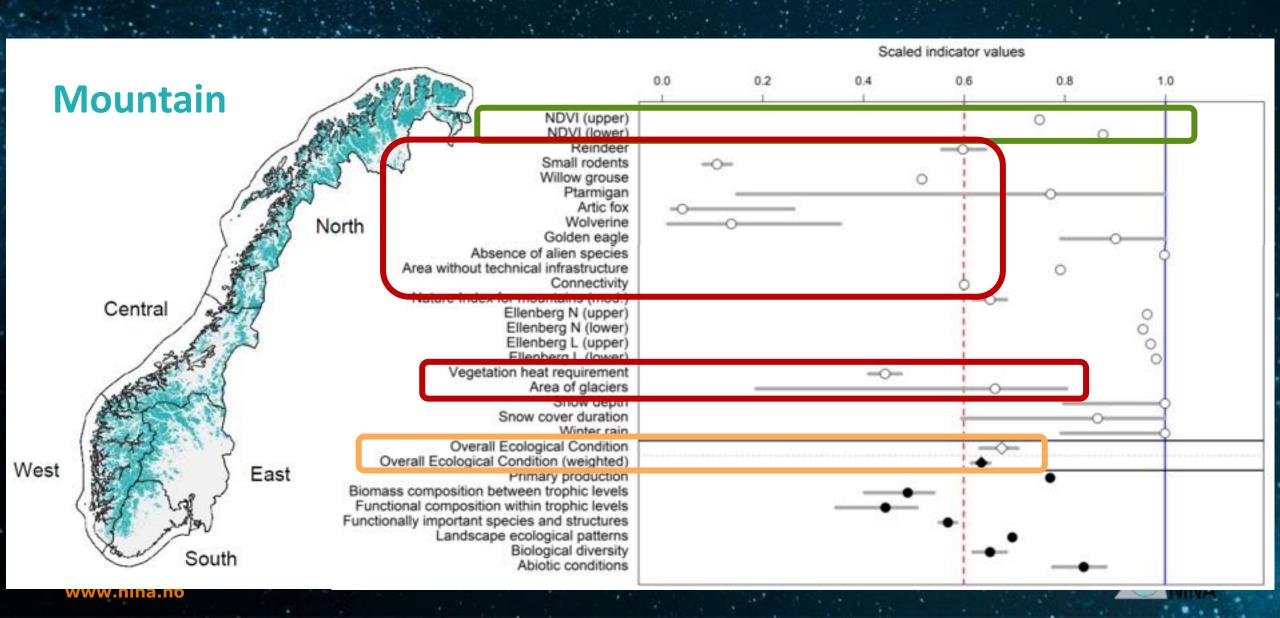


## Mountain - NDVI slopes by region

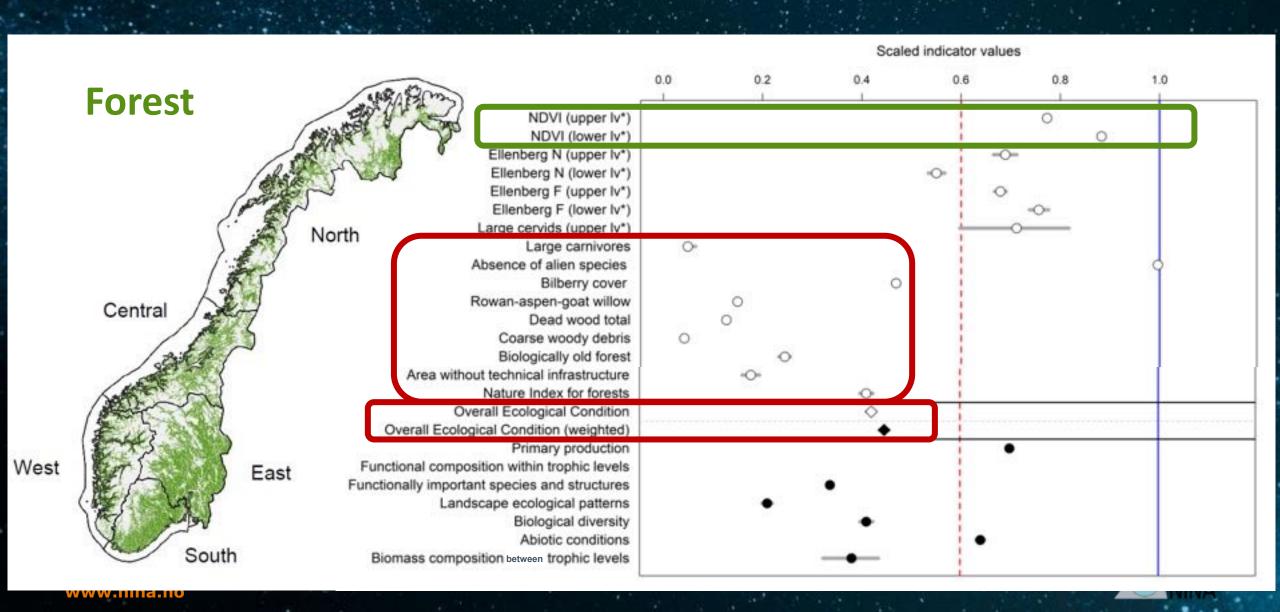




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